

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the section heading at page 4, line 12 with the following rewritten section heading:

-- DISCLOSURE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please delete the section heading at page 4, line 13.

Please delete the section heading at page 4, line 24.

Please delete the section heading at page 8, line 22.

Please insert the following section heading and new paragraphs at page 9, line 19 with the following:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a schematic sectional view showing a representative embodiment of a tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a schematic sectional view showing another representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 4 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 5 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 6 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 7 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 8 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 9 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 10 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 11 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 12 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 13 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 14 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 15 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 16 is a schematic sectional view showing a further representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention;

Fig. 17 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus according to the present invention;

Fig. 18 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus according to the present invention;

Fig. 19 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus according to the present invention;

Fig. 20 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus according to the present invention;

Fig. 21 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus according to the present invention;

Fig. 22 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus used in Example 1;

Fig. 23 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus used in Example 2;

Fig. 24 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus used in Example 3;

Fig. 25 is a schematic sectional view showing a silicon production apparatus used in Comparative Example 1;

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Fig. 26 is a schematic sectional view showing another embodiment of protrusions of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention; and

Fig. 27 is a schematic sectional view showing another representative embodiment of the tubular reaction vessel according to the present invention. --

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